

Appl. No. 10/697,131

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 2, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended into independent form to include the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claim. Accordingly, pursuant to the indications in the outstanding office action, claims 2, 3, 7 and 9-14 should now be in clearly allowable condition and entry of the relevant amendments is requested under 37 CFR 1.116.

Claims 8 and 3 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and the further limitation that the transmission line and return line be geometrically matched, see paragraph 28 for support.

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Huh et al. In light of the following remarks the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 5 remain outstanding. Claim 5 depends from currently amended claim 1. Claim 1, as amended, provides:

providing a return line geometrically matched to the transmission line; ...  
detecting a returned clock signal on the return line;

Huh et al. fails to show or suggest providing a return line geometrically matched to the transmission line. Absent such a showing or suggestion, the outstanding rejection cannot stand and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested. As the amendment to claim 1 clearly distinguishes over the cited prior art, entry thereof is respectfully requested.

In accordance with the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance, such action being earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner has any remaining informalities to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such informalities.


If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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